

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MAY 10th 2019

Dear Parents,

Reception Class Assembly

Well done to Reception Class for leading this morning's worship about 'journeys' We were all impressed with your colourful artwork, super speaking and wonderful singing. You should all feel very proud of yourselves – well done! Following worship, Reception Class played host to their chosen adult, we welcomed: mums, dads, grandparents and aunties. Everyone had fun making their own board game then testing them out with their special visitors!

SATS

As Year 6 approach the end of their primary education, it is an appropriate time to reflect upon the importance of their forthcoming Key Stage Two SATs. SATs and their outcomes make up just one part of all that our pupils achieve by the end of their primary school education. These tests do have a part to play in passing on information to the secondary schools but just as important is the children's attitude to work; progress in all curriculum areas and achievements in extra-curricular activities. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils: leading worship; representing the school; giving up their time as Sports Leaders and Playleaders; providing excellent support to their buddies and generally helping those around them with their charitable ways and kind actions. These assessments will demonstrate the progress that each and every one of them has made during their time at Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy. We all wish them the very best of luck for next week and I know that Mrs Starbuck and the whole team will support and reassure the children in what they will soon realise is just another week at school.

On behalf of the school - Good luck Class 6! Have a lovely weekend, get plenty of sleep and take a well deserved break.

Archaeologist Visits Class Three

Class 3, who are studying the Romans in Britain, were delighted to welcome Dave Kenny, from Historic England, to tell us all about his job as an archaeologist.

We learned about how sometimes archaeology is easy to find, such as the pyramids, but how at other times, technology, such as geophysics or a scanner plane, have to be used to help build a picture of what is hidden underground. We were shown how Great Chesterford would have looked in the Roman times which was very different from nowadays and we carefully handled lots of real Roman artefacts which were over 2000 years old. Class 3 wonder if there are any Roman artefacts in Great Chesterford which are still to be discovered. Perhaps there will be a chance to find out soon...



Year Five Corner Ball

The persistent rain on Wednesday did not stop Year 5 thoroughly enjoying a trip to JFAN to take part in a mini corner ball tournament which was a last minute replacement for the timetabled, washed out rounders. The whole class rose to the challenge of learning a new game on the spot and worked enthusiastically as a team to achieve the best results.

Volunteer Appeal

"Volunteers needed! As you will have seen there have been some changes going on in the junior playground. Phase 1 of our nature space is nearly complete and we are looking for volunteers to help us finish off this phase. We would be grateful for a small team to stay after school on Monday 20th May and Wednesday 22nd May (possibly an additional date of Thursday 23rd May if we don't get finished). You don't need a huge level of skill as the jobs will be limited to sanding and painting. If you are willing, please could you let Rachel Thackray (appleyardrachel@hotmail.com) know which dates you are able to make. If you can bring your own paint brush that would be helpful."

Brass Group

The school brass group performed two pieces to the whole school on Thursday morning. The pieces were very tuneful and the children clearly explained the differences in their brass instruments to the rest of the school. If your child is interested in having music lessons in school, please see the website for further information or speak to the office. Thank you to Mr Bowyer for leading the group and organising this performance.

Community Noticeboard

We have a new page on the school website: Community Noticeboard under the School Information tab. On this page you will find flyers, posters and information relating to a wide variety of local community events. We will be posting information regularly on this page, so keep checking for updates.

Contacting Teachers

If you need to send an email to your child's class teacher, please can you use the following email address: admin@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk. Please note that the office is open from 8.30am to 4:30pm so any emails sent outside these hours may not be read / acted upon until the next working day. Urgent messages should be passed on via the staff member on playground duty before school or by telephone - thank you.

Music Lessons

Please note that there will be no music lessons the week beginning 13th May because of the Year 6 SATs.

Open Afternoon

On Monday 20th May, we will be holding an Open Afternoon for any family members who would like to visit our school and have a tour during a typical day. Tours will take place at 1.30pm and 2.15pm - please contact the school office if you would like to book a place at either of these times.

Governor Appeal

We would like to recruit a new parent governor this term. A formal letter is attached to the newsletter. However, if you are interested in finding out more, please contact myself or Adele Peters (Chair) via the school office.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
13th-17th May	Year 6 SATs Week
20th May	Open Afternoon
21st May	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
27th-31st May	Half term
4th June	Music Evening 6.30pm
10th -14th June	Community Past and Present Theme Week

20th June	E-Safety Day
20th June	E-Safety Parent Workshop 7.00pm
25th June	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
2nd July	Sports Day
4th July	Reserve Sports Day
5th July	Transition afternoon tbc
8th July	Transition afternoon tbc
10th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
11th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
14th-17th July	Year 6 Residential
16th July	Prayer Space for Years 1 and 2
19th July	Year 6 Memories Assembly 1.30pm
19th July	Open Afternoon and report collection for all year groups 2.15-3.15pm
23rd July	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
24th July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church 9.30am
24th July	Year 6 Entertainment 1:45pm
24th July	Last day of term
25th July	Non-pupil day